



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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OCTOBER 31, 2005

Corn Harvest Nearing Completion

There were 4.3 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 30, 2005 with most areas reporting one to two inches of rain. **Corn** harvest should be wrapping up in the next few weeks and farmers are now turning their attention to the **soybean** harvest. Over 35 percent of the **soybeans** have been harvested, slightly above last year. Farmers expect to complete **soybean** harvest by the end of November.

Small grains are in good to excellent condition. Planting of **barley** is almost complete with over 92 percent planted. This is 5 percent above last year and 9 percent above the five-year average. The recent rains did delay winter wheat seeding with 46 percent seeded compared to 64 percent last year.

Farmers are nearing completion on their fourth cutting of **alfalfa**. **Pasture** was rated in mostly good condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	93	89	96	94
Corn for Grain	92	90	98	89
Soybeans	35	30	33	38
Planting Progress:				
Barley	92	84	87	83
Winter Wheat	46	29	64	56
Crop Progress:				
Soybean Dropping Leaves	99	94	99	96
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	71	70	87	93
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	13	12	80	79

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	80	20
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	95	5
Five Year Average	6	19	67	8
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	93	7
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	97	3
Five Year Average	4	17	76	3

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.03	43.37	9.44	62	32	47	-7
Easton	1.25	40.76	3.96	62	34	47	-9
Frederick	1.42	36.13	3.20	63	35	47	-2
Frostburg	2.15	34.15	-5.13	55	29	38	-9
Hagerstown	1.33	28.28	-4.09	60	35	45	-7
Mechanicsville	1.23	37.81	0.06	63	32	46	-8
Patuxent River	1.32	36.59	1.13	63	37	49	-6
Ocean City	1.14	36.78	-0.98	63	35	49	-6
Salisbury	1.07	42.37	3.98	62	29	46	-9
Sharpsburg	1.77	34.38	1.45	63	31	44	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.16	38.70	6.41	63	40	50	-7
Delaware							
Dover	2.51	45.87	8.52	61	36	48	-8
Georgetown	1.17	39.05	2.01	62	34	49	-5
Wilmington	0.75	33.08	-0.91	60	33	46	-7

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.